# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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# TAX EXEMPT AND **GOVERNMENT ENTITIES** DIVISION

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Taxpayer Identification Number:

Person to Contact:

**Identification Number:** 

Contact Telephone Number:

## **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Dear

This is a final adverse determination regarding your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Our favorable determination letter to you dated June 1999 is hereby revoked and you are no longer exempt under section 501(a) of the Code effective January 1, 20XX.

The revocation of your exempt status was made for the following reason(s):

As a result of our examination for the tax year ended December 31, 20XX, it was determined that your organization has been inactive since 20XX and that there have been no operations or regular financial activities conducted or planned. As such, you failed to meet the operational requirements for continued exemption under IRC 501(c)(3).

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under IRC §170 after January 1, 20XX.

You are required to file income tax returns on Form 1120. These returns should be filed with the appropriate Service Center for the tax year ending December 31, 20XX and for all tax years thereafter in accordance with the instructions of the return.

Processing of income tax returns and assessments of any taxes due will not be delayed should a petition for declaratory judgment be filed under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you decide to contest this determination under the declaratory judgment provisions of section 7428 of the Code, a petition to the United States Tax Court, the United States Claims Court, or the district court of the United States for the District of Columbia must be filed before the 91<sup>st</sup> Day after the date this determination was mailed to you. Please contact the clerk of the appropriate court for rules regarding filing petitions for declaratory judgments by referring to the enclosed Publication 892. You may write to these courts at the following addresses:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20217

United States Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, D.C. 20005

United States District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20001

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777-4778.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Von Lienen Director, EO Examinations

Enclosure:

Publication 892

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Date:

02/24/2015

**Taxpayer Identification Number:** 

Form:

990

Tax year(s) ended:

20XX

Person to contact / ID number:

Contact numbers:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Manager's name / ID number:

Manager's contact number:

Phone Number:

Response due date:

3/24/2015

# Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

Why you are receiving this letter

We propose to revoke your status as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Enclosed is our report of examination explaining the proposed action.

## What you need to do if you agree

If you agree with our proposal, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, Consent to Proposed Action – Section 7428, and return it to the contact person at the address listed above (unless you have already provided us a signed Form 6018). We'll issue a final revocation letter determining that you aren't an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

After we issue the final revocation letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible for contributions deductible under section 170 of the Code.

### If we don't hear from you

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final revocation letter. Failing to respond to this proposal will adversely impact your legal standing to seek a declaratory judgment because you failed to exhaust your administrative remedies.

## Effect of revocation status

If you receive a final revocation letter, you'll be required to file federal income tax returns for the tax year(s) shown above as well as for subsequent tax years.

# What you need to do if you disagree with the proposed revocation

If you disagree with our proposed revocation, you may request a meeting or telephone conference with the supervisor of the IRS contact identified in the heading of this letter. You also may file a protest with the

IRS Appeals office by submitting a written request to the contact person at the address listed above within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Appeals office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally.

For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information including a statement of the facts, the applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, please refer to page one of the enclosed Publication 892, How to Appeal an IRS Decision on Tax-Exempt Status, and page six of the enclosed Publication 3498, The Examination Process. Publication 3498 also includes information on your rights as a taxpayer and the IRS collection process. Please note that Fast Track Mediation referred to in Publication 3498 generally doesn't apply after we issue this letter.

You also may request that we refer this matter for technical advice as explained in Publication 892. Please contact the individual identified on the first page of this letter if you are considering requesting technical advice. If we issue a determination letter to you based on a technical advice memorandum issued by the Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements office, no further IRS administrative appeal will be available to you.

Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right

You have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Their assistance isn't a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate can't reverse a legally correct tax determination or extend the time you have (fixed by law) to file a petition in a United States court. They can, however, see that a tax matter that hasn't been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call toll-free 1-877-777-4778 and ask for Taxpayer Advocate assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at:

Internal Revenue Service
Office of the Taxpaver Advocate

# For additional information

If you have any questions, please call the contact person at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter. If you write, please provide a telephone number and the most convenient time to call if we need to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, Margaret Von Linen

> Margaret Von Lienen Director, EO Examinations

Enclosures: Report of Examination Form 6018 Publication 892 Publication 3498

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Name of Taxpay	ver	Year/Period Ended 20XX

# ISSUE:

Whether continues to qualify for exemption as an organization described in the Internal Revenue code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3) because of a lack of operation or activity since 20XX.

FACTS:
was incorporated under the laws of the State of as a for-profit corporation on 11/04/19XX. There is no record of being incorporated in the State of as a non-profit.
On June 19XX, was recognized to be exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3).
In 19XX purchased a ( ) that was capable of carrying all over the world. Since 19XX the EO has been involved in and projects in , , and other parts of Central and South America. They transported food and medical supplies for the local residents in need, assisted other organizations with , and transported for humanitarian aid.
The ( ) was sold in 20XX and a smaller ( ) was purchased in May 20XX for \$ in . The was registered under the company name . All of the funds to purchase the came from bank accounts.
In June 20XX, the ( ) needed extensive repairs and was returned to in . As of January 20XX, the is currently still in in . No charitable work based on their mission statement has been conducted since June of 20XX. The majority of the EO's activity has been to oversee the repair of the , traveling to and from and . The EO has been paying salaries to the Board of Directors, paying for their auto expenses for the travel to , and paying office and other expenses. Their only income in 20XX was from the sale of assets.

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# LAW:

IRC § 501(c)(3) exempts from federal income tax organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h)), and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Tax Reg. § 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1) of the regulations provides that in order to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the code, the organization must be one that is both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in that section.

Treas. Reg. § 1.503(c)(3)-1(c) Operational Test

- (1) *Primary activities*. —An organization will be regarded as "operated exclusively" for one or more exempt purposes only if it engages primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of such exempt purposes specified in section 501(c)(3). An organization will not be so regarded if more than an insubstantial part of its activities is not in furtherance of an exempt purpose.
- (2) Distribution of earnings. —An organization is not operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes of its net earnings inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals. For the definition of the words "private shareholder or individual", see paragraph (c) of §1.501(a)-1.

Revenue Procedure 90-27, 1990-1 CB 514, (Apr. 30, 1990) states that a ruling or determination letter recognizing exemption may be revoked or modified by (1) a notice to the taxpayer to whom the ruling or determination letter originally was issued, (2) enactment of legislation or ratification of a tax treaty, (3) a decision of the United States Supreme Court, (4) issuance of temporary or final regulations, or (5) issuance of a revenue ruling, revenue procedure, or other statement published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. The revocation or modification may be retroactive if the organization omitted or misstated a material fact, operated in a manner materially different from that originally represented, or, in the case of organizations to which section 503 applies,

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engaged in a prohibited transaction with the purpose of diverting corpus or income of the organization from its exempt purpose and such transaction involved a substantial part of the corpus or income of such organization. Where there is a material change, inconsistent with exemption, in the character, the purpose, or the method of operation of an organization, revocation or modification will ordinarily take effect as of the date of such material change. In cases where a ruling or determination letter was issued in error or is no longer in accord with the holding of the Service, when section 7805(b) relief is granted (see sections 15 and 18 of Rev. Proc. 90-4), retroactivity of the revocation or modification ordinarily will be limited to a date not earlier than that on which the original ruling or determination letter is modified or revoked.

Revenue Ruling 58-617, 1958-2 CB 260, (Jan. 01, 1958) Rulings and determinations letters granting exemption from Federal income tax to an organization described in section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, to which contributions are deductible by donors in computing their taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 170 of the Code, are effective only so long as there are no material changes in the character of the organization, the purposes for which it was organized, or its methods of operation. The District Director of Internal Revenue for the district in which the organization is located *must be* advised immediately of any such changes in order that a determination may be made as to the effect the changes may have upon the exempt status of the organization. See generally sections 1.501(a)-1 and 1.6033-1 of the Income Tax Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in serious consequences to the organization for the reason that the ruling or determination letter holding the organization exempt may be revoked retroactively to the date of the changes affecting its exempt status, depending upon the circumstances involved, and subject to the limitations on retroactivity of revocation found in section 503 of the Code.

# **TAXPAYER'S POSITION:**

The taxpayer has agreed with this conclusion and has signed Form 6018 on June 3, 20XX agreeing to dissolution.

# **GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AND CONCLUSION:**

The Service's position is that the organization has been inactive for several years now and that there have been no activities conducted. This org has not conducted any charitable work since 20XX. Their main source for charitable work, their , has been in since June 20XX.

The purchase of the was solely funded by though the was registered under , the technically belongs to, – funds were used to purchase the . As a tax exempt organization, they cannot purchase property for a

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for-profit business. That is inurement, misuse of funds, and taxable. Therefore, the legally belongs to

Since the organization has not conducted any charitable activity since 20XX the organization's tax exempt status is to be revoked and they may convert their 990 returns to 1120 tax returns for all years beginning January 1, 20XX to present.

fails to meet the operational requirements to continue its exemption status under IRC 501(c)(3). Therefore the effective date of revocation will be 01/01/20XX.